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*Primary Examiner*—Stephen Avila[57] **ABSTRACT**

The floatation device is a combination of an adult water exerciser and a child float. The floatation device allows a child to float safely and securely on the water while an adult uses the device as a kickboard to push it or as a leg buoy to pull it. The floatation device includes a buoyant board and in the middle of the board is a generally circular opening through which an adult places a child onto a holding seat which hangs down directly underneath the opening. Attached to the rear of the board and directed over the opening is a canopy which is designed to shield the child from the sun and from splashes. The canopy includes a canopy window through which an adult pushing the board from behind may monitor the child. The floatation device also includes a handlebar attached to the rear of the board. An adult may grip the handlebar and use the floatation device like a kickboard. Alternatively, an adult can exercise using the backstroke while pulling the floatation device by using a leg grip which is attached to the underside of the board. An adult may use the floatation device by pressing the knees against the sides of the grip and leaning back to swim by using the backstroke.

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